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STAFF MEMORANDUM No. 76-56

SUBJECT: Release of NIE 92-56, "The Outlook for Bolivia,"

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1. The staff has examined NIE 92-56, with a view to its release to certain foreign governments and regards the following as pertinent:

a. Precedent. The only previous estimate dealing exclusively with Bolivia (NIE 92-54) was not released to

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c. Classification and Sources. The staff directly involved in drafting this estimate advises that its release would not compromise NOFORN data or intelligence sources for which this agency is primarily responsible. The clandestine services of CIA have been consulted and concur in this view.

d. Substantive. On the basis of substantive content, considered from a purely intelligence viewpoint, the staff sees no objection to release of this estimate. However, the staff notes that extensive references are made to the degree and effect (both political and economic) of U. S. aid (e. g., last sentence, Conclusion A; Conclusion D; Conclusion F; third sentence, para. 5; first sentence, para. 29; paras. 37-37a; and para. 39). Taken as a whole, these paragraphs disclose the considerable extent to which the question of economic aid and our basic policy

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toward Bolivia are interrelated. In addition, the Board should note the possibility that release of certain military data (e.g., paras. 21-24a) might be considered contrary to U.S. policy with respect to disclosure of military information, particularly as it affects "defense of the Western Hemisphere" (Burns-Templer agreement, etc.). Deletion of all, or virtually all, of the above passages would, in the staff's opinion, so affect the substance of the paper as to render it of little value for exchange purposes.

2. Conclusion. If the Board feels that it should refrain from making recommendations regarding deletions such as those referred to above, on the ground that they involve primarily questions of policy rather than intelligence, the staff would see no objection, from a purely intelligence point of view, to the release of this estimate [REDACTED]. However, if the Board prefers specifically to suggest the deletion of all, or substantially all, of the parts of the text referenced in para. 1 d above in the event of release, the staff would recommend against release.

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